



TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

October 3, 2016

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TOWN COMMITTEES

Currently there are openings on the following: (2) Conservation Commission, (2) Parks & Recreation Committee, (2) Trust Fund Commission. These are listed on the Town's website under Volunteer Opportunities.

BUDGET

Department budget requests for FY18 have been sent out and are due October 19th. My plan is to get things put together to assist the new Town Administrator's transition.

For FY17 the new growth was certified at \$108,135 this is a 20% increase over last year. It is attributed to the new building that we are seeing in Town.

The Board is scheduled to hold a tax classification hearing on October 17, 2016 at 6:30pm.

DPW

The modifications to Williams' intersection are complete. Excellent example of how a \$1.2M project can be done for \$60k.

PRV modifications are underway. This will complete the waterline project any unused funds will go back to the USDA.

A water line break on Cushing Street caused the road to buckle for about 200 feet and is being repaired.

GREEN ENERGY

The Committee is working on the Green Community Grant Final Report. This grant has allowed the Town to make significant improvements in three of our Town buildings, which will ultimately reduce our carbon footprint. This Committee has been one of the finest I have ever had the opportunity to serve with.

STM

The warrant for the October 25th STM will be sent to Town Counsel tomorrow for review.

STAFF

Sylvia Turcotte has officially retired and the town has been blessed to have her here over the past 15 years through all the conflict and unrest she has been a dependable resource. Many thanks and good wishes go out to her.

GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts have requested that they be able to leave the memorial up in Winchester Park. Steve Nims has contacted Parks and Rec, Library and along with the DPW they all have no concerns. The Girl Scouts will winterize the memorial. I recommend the Board vote to allow them to keep it up.